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**OBJECTIVE** To obtain a career that will advance the science of drug discovery.

### EDUCATION

- 1997 – 2001      Ph.D. in Chemistry  
Institute of Molecular Biology and Department of Chemistry  
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
Dissertation title: *Green Fluorescent Protein Biosensors*
- 1993 – 1997      B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Department of Chemistry  
University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003\* – present      Senior Scientist, Invitrogen Drug Discovery Solutions, Madison, WI  
\*Invitrogen acquired PanVera on March 28, 2003
- Managed and guided associate scientists and graduate school interns
  - Started the Molecular Probes™ fluorescent protein biosensor program
  - Recognized as a pioneer within Invitrogen for developing productive cross-site collaborations
  - Served as scientific resource/sounding board for technical inquiries and discussions relating to fluorescence, FRET, TR-FRET, reporter genes, cell signaling and GPCRs for scientific staff and senior management
  - Established or maintained collaborations with Paul Selvin, Illinois (single molecule studies), Donald Zack, Johns Hopkins (high-content screening applications) and Alan Verkman, UCSF (cell signaling studies)
  - Developed cell-based assay detection systems for the beta-lactamase reporter gene
  - Known as the, 'Green Fluorescent Protein expert' within Invitrogen
- 2002 – 2003      Scientist, PanVera, LLC, Madison, WI
- Developed multiplexed fluorescence polarization-based HTS assays for nuclear receptors and kinases
  - Served as lead scientist on protein labeling methods using fluorescent reagents, including FIAsh & ReAsH (Lumio™ technology)
- 2001 – 2002      Post Doctoral Fellow, Molecular Probes Inc., Eugene, OR
- Initiated development of Ser/Thr and Tyr kinase assays using fluorescent substrates and specific kinase inhibitors
  - Assisted development of multiplexed proteomics platform by analytically evaluating phosphoprotein gel stain chemistry, Pro-Q Diamond
  - Examined the differences between cancerous and healthy cells by 2-D gel electrophoresis

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, CONT.

- 1998 – 2001      Research Assistant, Dept. of Chem., University of Oregon
- Developed pH and redox sensitive Green Fluorescent Protein variants
  - Established collaborations with Roger Y. Tsien, UCSD (GFP applications), Steven G. Boxer, Stanford (GFP excited state kinetics), Marshall H. Montrose, Indiana (multi-photon microscopy) and Roderick A. Capaldi, Oregon (mitochondrial disease models)
  - Performed the necessary molecular biology, cell biology and X-ray crystallography to relate protein structure to biological function
- 1997 – 1998      Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Chem., University of Oregon
- Lead general chemistry laboratory by instructing, teaching and evaluating students performance in the principles of general chemistry
- 1995 – 1997      Research Assistant, Dept. of Chem., University of Minnesota
- Performed PCR, Western/Northern blots, mammalian cell culture and a variety of other basic laboratory techniques to better understand ACTH receptor function in rat lymphocytes

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2004 – 2006      National Institutes of Health grant reviewer for the NIH roadmap initiative: "Assay Development for High Throughput Molecular Screening" Washington, D.C. (RFA-RM-06-004).
- 2004              Best Product Developed from a Cross-Site Collaboration – Lumio™ Technology, Invitrogen Innovation Awards
- 1998 – 2001      National Institutes of Health Training Grant, University of Oregon
- 1996 – 1997      Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Scholarship, University of Minnesota
- 1996              NCAA All-American in Track & Field, University of Minnesota
- 1995 – 1997      Dean's List, College of Science & Engineering, University of Minnesota

## PATENTS

- 2006              Oxidation-reduction sensitive green fluorescent protein variants. Remington, S.J. and Hanson, G.T. University of Oregon, US Patent No. 7,015,310
- 2006              Composition and methods for expressing reporter molecules in mammalian cells. Hanson, G.T. Invitrogen Corp. [submitted and pending]
- 2004              Compositions, methods and kits for biarsenical fluorophore labeling. Bogoev, R.A., Amshey, J.W., and Hanson, G.T. Invitrogen Corp. [submitted and pending]

**PATENTS, CONT.**

- 2004 Target sequences for synthetic molecules. Hanson, G.T. Invitrogen Corp. [submitted and pending]
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- 2004 Park, H., Hanson, G.T., Duff, S.R., and Selvin, P.R. (2004). Nanometer localization of single ReAsH molecules. *J Microscopy* **216**: 199-205.
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- 2004 Blommel, P., Hanson, G.T., and Vogel, K.W. (2004). Multiplexing fluorescence polarization assays to increase information content per screen: Applications for screening steroid hormone receptors. *J Biomol Screen* **9**: 294-302.
- 2004 Dooley, C.T., Dore, T.M., Hanson, G.T., Jackson, W.C., Remington, S.J., and Tsien, R.Y. (2004). Imaging dynamic redox changes in mammalian cells with green fluorescent protein indicators. *J Biol Chem* **279**: 22284-22293.
- 2004 Hanson, G.T., Aggeler, R.J., Oglesbe D., Canon M., Capaldi, R.A. Tsien, R.Y. and Remington, S.J. (2004). Investigating mitochondrial redox potential with redox-sensitive green fluorescent protein indicators. *J Biol Chem* **279**: 13044-13053.
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**PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS**

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